

Events at Trinity:

Worship Service each Sunday at 9:30a.m.

Fellowship Time, after worship services in the fellowship hall

Sunday School for Adults, 11:00a.m.-Noon
Children's Sunday School out for the Summer!

June 2—VBS Set up after services! No Sunday School today! (breakfast moved to June 9)

June 3-7—Rainforest Raiders Vacation Bible School at Trinity from 9am-Noon

June 9—Breakfast at Trinity! 8:30-9:15a.m. hosted by the Hannah & Deborah Women's Service Teams in the fellowship hall before worship All are welcome to attend!

June 10—Harvest Workers Bible Class meets today, 10am & 6pm—only class date in June!

June 11—Barnabas Time, 6pm for Trinity's Stephen Ministers, fellowship hall

June 12—Ladies Game Day, Noon-2pm in the fellowship hall
Council of Ministries Meeting, 6:00pm

June 16—Happy Father's Day!
**Please Return Baby Bottles for the SHARE Center to church today!*

June 18—Women's Group meets for fellowship, dinner, and Bible Study, 6pm at the home of Cindy Hawkins. All Women are invited!
Men's Group meets for fellowship, 6:30pm, TBA

June 21-25—Youth and Sponsors attend Camp

June 30—5th Sunday Potluck at 11am in the fellowship hall

Trinity Lutheran Church of Blanco, Texas

Where:

"God is Seen,
Love is Felt,
Lives are Changed"

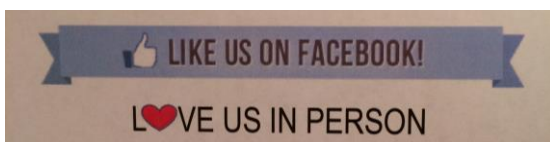
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Dear Trinity Family,

I did my student apprenticeship (Internship) my third year of seminary in a small town of Nebraska. Tanya and I pulled into Bassett, Nebraska, the fall of 1982. It had a population of about 1,100 before we arrived, 1,102 when we arrived and 1,103 when we left. Our daughter Natasha was born during that year. Her birthday was the middle of February and received the community's gifts from businesses for the first baby born that year.

Most of Rock County was ranches and farms in what is called the Sand Hills of Nebraska. That's where I learned that passengers have to get out and open the gate of a ranch pasture, as well as close the gate when you get through. I learned that ranchers and farmers always had their home open for a visit and a cup of coffee once they met you and knew who you were. I thank my Internship supervisor, Pastor John Jones, for introducing me all around, cutting off years of getting to know people. What a gift we can give people moving into our community! I learned that the better people knew you, the more likely a friend would work it out with the cattle auctioneer to have, in this case, John Jones "buy" a head of cattle with some inadvertent move of his hand, when he had no intention to buy it. It was just to give him a hard time, or to purchase it to butcher it and share the meat. I've learned to keep real still at auctions!

It was a great experience with the people of Rock County, and a great learning experience in doing ministry since John let me do whatever kind of pastoring I wanted to do. The Lutheran and Methodist pastors took turns leading worship in the two small country Methodist congregations, one to the east and one to the south. The Sweeneys were members of the small church to the south. Good, solid people.

So, I had this bright idea. John had said that a person could travel from the southern edge of the county to the north in Bassett by just going through pastures of people's properties. And, I had somehow been attached to this hare-brained idea to go the length of the county, south to north, on horseback, by myself, like the circuit riders of yore. I knew I was stretching it since I had ridden a horse no more than five times. But the Sweeneys had this gentle horse I had ridden helping a family move cattle. It boosted my confidence on the outside, even though I had growing misgivings because I would undertake this adventure on my own. When the big day came, it rained so much that not only were the Sweeneys relieved, but so was I, when I concluded that it was not a good idea, not because it was a bad idea in itself, but because it was not an adventure for one person. That decision might just be the reason I am alive to tell about it today.

Based on that, I'm going to segway to the second worship service, a contemporary one, that we have said we want to start. It is not a one person show. I need to know who else will join me in providing music and presence and prayer. We need to get our heads and hearts together to iron out what we will do, how we will do it, and when.

I believe in the long run, this will not just make two half sized worship experiences. Trinity Lutheran is well positioned to grow, because we are a healthy, friendly, and welcoming congregation; and because the churches of Blanco are nowhere near reaching everyone in the greater Blanco area. I believe that we will need to position ourselves to grow and attract younger adults with children if we are to have a future. I also believe that we need to have one service that is clearly traditional and liturgical as this speaks to many Lutherans. And, undergirding all of this, we need to be reaching more people if we are to fulfill the Great Commission of making disciples "of all nations." God willing, this will be this year's major achievement and adventure.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Dave

NEW CARPET INSTALLED IN THE SANCTUARY!



May 6—Movers came to clear the sanctuary in preparation for new carpet.

The historic altar was left in the chancel area, but the piano, organ, pulpit and other furniture were moved below. Carpet under the altar was removed and new carpeting will be installed around it but not underneath.

Trinity's wooden altar was dedicated in November 1928 at the church in Twin Sisters and cost the congregation \$266.

May 12—On Mother's Day the sanctuary was restored and ready for worship!



**MANY THANKS TO
EVERYONE THAT MADE THIS
PROJECT HAPPEN,
ESPECIALLY:**

Norman Eubank, Council Properties Chair, who coordinated the entire project and was here at church to assist the movers and carpet installers during the week. Norman also called upon Hal Switzer for ideas planning the altar move and Wayne Gosnell to help in disconnecting the organ wiring

(thankfully it worked when it was reconnected). Also, thanks to all who pitched in after Sunday worship and helped relocate furnishing in the Narthex.

Arlene Hamlin for offering her design expertise to help the Council in narrowing down the limitless carpet options in the sanctuary.

Bonnie Triesch and her Altar Team for helping with the chancel items, both their removal and replacement.

Serving on Altar Guild In June:

Many thanks to Bonnie Treisch, Tara & Caroline Seymour, Amy Rust, and Jayne Lightfoot for serving the Lord and preparing His altar during the month of May. The entire sanctuary was cleared so that new carpeting could be installed and the altar team handled the work beautifully!

In June, the Altar Team scheduled to serve will be Sophie Johnson, Sandy Mann, Sheri Riley, Janice Culton and Clara Gourley.

Would you consider serving alongside 2 or 3 experienced ladies to set up the altar for worship one month (occasionally two) a year? With team members working together the set up takes an hour or so on a Saturday morning and thirty minutes after worship services end to tidy up. With 3 to 4 members on an altar team the preparation of the altar for worship and setting up for communion is much easier! If you are interested in serving Trinity as a member of the Altar Guild, please contact Bonnie Triesch, at 210-705-2811.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP TIME begins after church services and continues until 11:00a.m. when Sunday School begins. Come to the fellowship hall to enjoy coffee, cookies or other treats and fellowship!



A sign up sheet will be posted for anyone wanting to sign up to bring homemade or purchased refreshments on a Sunday. We request hand-held treats such as donuts, donut holes, or cookies. For more information call the church office or speak with Karen Wagner.

Gifts Given to the Memorial Fund in May

In Memory of Douglas Wagner
By David & JoAnne Hesskew
Roy & Doris Phipps
Marie Anna Lindeman
Clara Gourley



Trinity Men's Group Serves at Wellness Fair



Trinity's Men's Group, CMOB, served hot dogs at the Co-APT Wellness Fair at BHS Cafeteria on April 16. They have participated in this important community event for several years.

Jerry Gass, Hal Switzer, Norman Eubank, Roland Pfeiffer and Pastor David. Kevin Hawkins is not pictured but also served at the event.

BREAKFAST ON SECOND SUNDAY AT TRINITY JUNE 9th – Teams Hannah & Deborah will serve breakfast the SECOND Sunday of June in the fellowship hall from 8:30-9:15a.m. (VBS Set up will be going on in the fellowship hall on June 2!) Come early to church and enjoy breakfast!

WOMEN’S GROUP MEETS MONTHLY FOR DINNER, DEVOTIONS AND FELLOWSHIP!—Once a month the ladies meet at different homes for a light dinner, a short lesson/discussion, devotional, and lots of time with other believers - very important!! If you need a ride, that can be worked out. **June 18th LADIES GROUP** meets for fellowship, food, and a devotion at the home of Cindy Hawkins. Cindy will host along with Jan Gass. We will meet at 6pm, and dinner is served at 6:30pm. Join us!

TRINITY TAKEAWAY MEALS ARE READY TO GO! If you or someone you know could use an easy to prepare meal or a stress-free mealtime for their household, please consider a “Trinity Takeaway!” The meals are frozen with the recipe included and are ready to be utilized! To pick up a meal, go to the annex kitchen next to the sanctuary, and follow the directions on the freezer. We want the meals to be used! Ladies that would like to help prepare another batch of meals, please contact Mary Jo Pfeiffer at Maryjopfeiffer@gmail.com or 210-213-7615 to add your name to the list of volunteers.

Ladies,

Thank you so much for the lovely luncheon you provided after my Dad’s service—as always, it was wonderful!

Many thanks, Connie Russell & Perry Wagner

The Esther & Deborah Women’s Service Teams served sandwiches, salads, chips & dips, and desserts to almost 100 family and friends of Doug Wagner, who passed from life, through death, to eternal life on April 28. His funeral service was held on May 7 at Crofts-Crow, with a luncheon hosted at Trinity’s fellowship hall afterwards.

2024 WOMEN’S RETREAT All Women are invited to attend the Trinity Women’s Retreat set for the 3rd weekend in September. We will be staying in Concan on the Frio river. This is the first time we have ever been on the river - hoping for water. We leave on Friday and come back Sunday after breakfast and communion. The price is all inclusive. We are asking for a \$70 deposit to reserve your spot. The final price will be \$150-ish. If you want to go, but can’t afford it, talk to Lacy Lukich and/or Sharon Wolbrecht and we will work something out. Don’t be shy about asking. **WE WANT YOU TO COME!!!** The only way to get closer to Jesus is to know him.

For more information about registration, fees, scholarships and more, call/text Sharon Wolbrecht at 512-787-4966.

STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS: We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don’t take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don’t have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It’s free. It’s confidential. And it will make a difference in your life! To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry members.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council of Ministries

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| Jerry Gass—President | Travis Kersten—Worship |
| Hal Switzer—Vice-President | Karen Wagner—Evangelism |
| Karen Steiger—Secretary | Norman Eubank—Property |
| Medora Beckmann—Treasurer | Ashley Finch—Education/Youth |
| Sheri Riley—Financial Secretary | Sally Anderson —Stewardship |

COUNCIL NOTES—from the April 16, 2024 Meeting

Called to order by Jerry Gass at 6:17pm. Council members in attendance were Pastor David Mayer, Jerry Gass, Hal Switzer, Travis Kersten, Sheri Riley, Ashley Finch, Medora Beckmann, and Norman Eubank. Guests were Arlene Hamlin and Sandy Switzer. Sandy wanted to report on a Stephen Ministry recipient from another church who was deeply touched by the Grief Books that Sandy has sent her after experiencing a loss. Arlene brought carpet samples for the council to see that would be used in the sanctuary. All agreed on one choice. Travis motioned that we move forward with that choice, seconded by Hal.

After reading from Phil. 4, Pastor David gave a short devotional on rejoicing in the Lord as He is a model of excellence. He then led in prayer asking the Lord to help our council to follow His will in all our decisions. Corrections to the minutes of the March meeting were made and a Motion to approve the minutes with noted corrections made by Travis and seconded by Ashley. All in favor.

Sheri gave the Financial Report through March 2024. Medora gave the Treasurer's Report for March 2024. Pastor submitted his report for March and initiated a discussion on attendance. He feels we need to move cautiously into a Contemporary service and weigh the pros and cons to be careful not to divide the membership. There was discussion about previous early and late services where it seemed the congregation had grown apart as far as knowing each other. It was suggested that we introduce more contemporary music slowly and see how that is received.

Committee Reports:

--Youth & Education – Ashley reported the eclipse fundraiser was “a bust”, VBS applications opened up today (April 10th) and there were only 15 spots still available. Walking “prayer-a-thon” scheduled for May 5th. Flag football June 10 - July 27th. So far 18 kids have signed up. This year they will be able to play at the high school stadium. She is also working on a summer movie event with a blow-up movie screen for the youth. So far there has only been one scholarship application turned in.

--Stewardship – No report

--Worship – Travis reported according to Charles Riley the ushers were good. Leta & Janice report that all is good with them. Sheila requested an increase for her services during funerals as she has to leave her current job to attend them. The council approved raising her pay from \$250 to \$300 for her service. It was noted that this is usually paid by the family, but in some cases, they overlook that. In that case the church pays Sheila. This is typically communicated with the funeral director.

--Property – Norman submitted his written report. The main issue being the selection of a new carpet for the sanctuary and the order in which it is to be replaced.

Motion made by Travis to approve the committee reports and seconded by Norman. All in favor.

Old Business:

Scholarship committee has received one application from Cameron Anderson. More discussion on contemporary service and how to avoid dividing the congregation. Sheila has requested Trinity Lutheran consider donating to the Blanco Educational Foundation Board. They are currently \$13,000 behind where they need to be. Travis commented on while they are not Christian based, they are a very worthwhile organization. It was agreed that the benevolence distribution would be reformed to reduce the Blanco Co. Child Protection, CASA of the Highland Lakes, Ethno Media, Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center, Hill Country Children's Advocacy Ctr., Institute of Lutheran Theology and Wycliff Bible Translators each be reduced by \$75 and a one-time donation of \$525 be given to the Blanco Educational Foundation Board.

New Business:

Jerry talked to Seymour's about hanging banners on their fence and they are very much in favor of the idea.

Discussion concerning Rev. Haamer and the need for donations for the Estonia Lutheran Church. We will make one more announcement asking for donations from the congregation. It was suggested that we contribute \$10,000 to the church. Whatever the congregation's donations do not cover; Trinity will cover the rest. Motion to accept this proposal by Travis seconded by Hal. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn made by Travis and seconded by Sheri at 8:30pm. Everyone recited the Lord's Prayer.

JUNE RESPONSIBILITIES

**Please use this handy section to keep track of monthly responsibilities organized by Sunday. Each Sunday there are many important opportunities to serve your church. Call the office for more information

| | June 2 | June 9 | June 16 | June 23 | June 30 |
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| Altar Flowers | <i>Open</i> | Jim & MiMi Clifton | <i>Open</i> | <i>Open</i> | <i>Open</i> |
| Ushers | David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley | David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley | David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley | David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley | David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley |
| Worship Assistants | Jim Clifton | Jim Clifton | Barb Geistfeld | Barb Geistfeld | Cindy Hawkins |
| Greeters | Kevin & Cindy Hawkins | Jarrett & Alexis Pawelek | Judy Brewer | Roy & Doris Phipps | Trinity Youth |
| Lectors | Lacy Lukich | Keith Morgenroth | Ron Bigler | Mary Jo Pfeiffer | Arlene Hamlin |
| Communion Assistants | <i>No communion</i> | Sheri Riley | <i>No communion</i> | Norman Eubank | <i>No communion</i> |
| Altar Guild | In June: | Sophie Johnson, Sandy Mann, Sheri Riley, Janice Culton, Clara Gourley | | | |



SHARE Center's Baby Bottle Boomerang Ends Father's Day!

The SHARE Center, previously the Bulverde/Spring Branch Pregnancy Care Center, provided Trinity with baby bottles to fill with donations to further their mission to promote the sanctity of life and empower individuals to make Christ-centered choices regarding pregnancy and sexuality and to experience the healing presence and love of Jesus Christ.

Bottles are due back to church on Father's Day, June 16 and afterwards the SHARE Center will share the total collected from Trinity members and friends to support the center's mission.

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JUNE 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR--TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BLANCO

Sunday Service begins at 9:30 AM, followed by Fellowship Time at 10:30AM, and Sunday School from 11:00AM-Noon

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 <i>No Sunday School today after worship—VBS Set up begins</i> | 3 9am-Noon Vacation Bible School | 4 9am-Noon VBS, here | 5 9am-Noon VBS, here | 6 9am-Noon VBS, here | 7 9am-Noon VBS, here | 8 |
| 9 Communion <u>8:30-9:15am Breakfast at Trinity!</u> Hosted by Hannah & Deborah Teams | 10 Harvest Workers classes, 10am & 6pm | 11 6pm Barnabas Time for Trinity's Stephen Ministers, here | 12 Noon-2pm Ladies Game Day, here 6pm Council of Ministries Meeting, here | 13 11am Pastor's Bible Study 7-9pm Chosen series, here | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Happy Father's Day <i>Baby Bottle Fundraiser ends today—return your bottles asap!</i> | 17 No Harvest Workers today Newsletter articles due TODAY! | 18 6pm Women's Group meets for fellowship, at home of Cindy Hawkins 6:30pm Men's Group meets for fellowship, TBA | 19 | 20 11am Pastor's Bible Study 7-9pm Chosen series, here | 21 <i>Youth & Sponsors depart for Camp today and return June 25th</i> | 22 |
| 23 Communion | 24 Pastor at Camp--No Harvest Workers today | 25 <i>Sponsors & Campers return today!</i> | 26 | 27 11am Pastor's Bible Study 7-9pm Chosen series, here | 28 | 29 |
| 30 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch TODAY at 11am (No Sunday School today) | | | | | | |



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



What is LOVE WORKS All About?

You might have noticed the black and yellow promotional material that we've been sending out for a few months promoting LOVE WORKS. You might be asking, "What in the world are they talking about?" If you have, well I'm glad you asked. If you have not been curious, well I hope you are interested now! LOVE WORKS is our theme for the 15th Annual LCMC Texas District Gathering this summer, July 26-27 at Zion in Kerrville. The theme this year was born out of the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke chapter 10. Our District Council selected this as the biblical foundation for our Gathering to focus our attention on our call to love God and our neighbors.

We are excited to welcome Greg and Susan Finke to be our keynote speakers. Greg is a Lutheran pastor, author, speaker, and leadership coach who, along with his wife, Susan, has dedicated his ministry to helping the church rediscover the art of loving neighbors with the love of Jesus. Greg has authored three *Joining Jesus* books, with his wife Susan co-authoring their most recent book, *Joining Jesus as a Family*.

It was Greg who suggested the title LOVE WORKS for two particular reasons. First, we read in Ephesians 2:8-10, For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—not from works, so that no one can boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do. Therefore, while our good works will never save us nor prosper us with blessings from God, we are saved for good works and are called to love the works that God created us for. Second, in his work with congregations and leaders, Greg is more convinced than ever that LOVE actually WORKS to share the Good News of Jesus with our neighbors and to see lives and communities transformed by the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God as Christ dwells among us.

I am thrilled to once again listen and learn from Greg and Susan Finke. Even more than that, I cannot wait to see what the Lord will do as people from across our association are impacted by this Gathering! I want to personally invite you to attend. If you have never been to one of our Gatherings before, I am confident that you will be abundantly blessed by the worship, fellowship, education, and inspiration that you will experience. If you are veteran attendee, then you already know how great these Gatherings are and we welcome you to join us again. Looking forward to seeing you in Kerrville! #LoveWorks2024

Learn more and register online: www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering. Register by June 30 and save!

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May 19th was Pentecost and Senior Sunday! Trinity honored Cameron Anderson, 2024 Blanco High School Graduate and son of Mike & Sally Anderson.

The congregation offered congratulations and prayers. Pastor David and Ashley Finch, Youth Council Leader, presented a gift along with a certificate for Cameron's scholarship award from Trinity's Scholarship Committee.